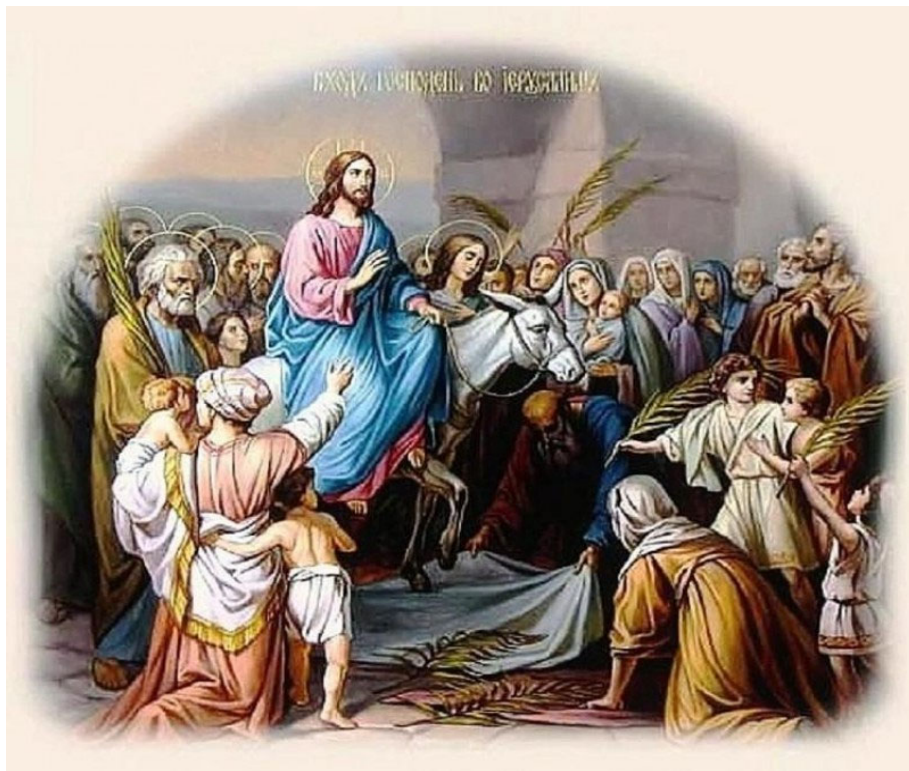


**The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023 11:00 AM**



St. John's Episcopal Church

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service. It is good to be together in person or virtually. We are blessed that you are here whether you are a part of our congregation, a frequent visitor or are visiting St. John's for the first time. We are glad that you are with us today and hope you will join us again.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

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This service is broadcast online and recorded on YouTube, and congregants may occasionally appear in some camera angles. If you wish to avoid being on-camera, please ask an usher to be seated away from the cameras.

Today starts Holy Week, during which the church dramatizes the events leading up to the suffering and death of Jesus. Today is called Sunday of the Passion, or Palm Sunday, which focuses on Jesus' joyous triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The euphoria and triumph of Jesus' entry is short-lived and the tone of the day changes dramatically, as Palm Sunday also includes a portion of the Passion Narrative in place of the Gospel. We, who moments earlier shouted "Hosanna" now cry "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The stage is set for the remainder of Holy Week.

**The service starts outside near the Annex Building
Please pick up a palm frond before the service begins.**

*You may follow the service in this booklet or beginning on page 270
of the **Book of Common Prayer**.*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring." The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of

the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Blessed palms are now distributed.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: ***Hosanna in the highest.***

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace.
People: ***In the name of Christ. Amen***

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154:
"ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"**

The people follow the Cross into the Church Narthex while singing Verses 1-3 and the refrain of "All Glory Laud and Honor," repeating the refrain as needed until all have entered the Narthex.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

2. The company of angels
Is praising thee on high;
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

3. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

After all have entered the Narthex, the procession will halt while the Celebrant says:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The procession enters the church singing Verses 4-5 of "All Glory Laud and Honor," beginning with the refrain, After verse five the refrain will be repeated until all have entered the church.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE LESSONS *(The people sit.)*

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah:

The Lord God gave me an educated tongue to know how to respond to the weary with a word that will awaken them in the morning. God awakens my ear in the morning to listen, as educated people do. The Lord God opened my ear; I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back. Instead, I gave my body to attackers, and my cheeks to beard pluckers. I didn't hide my face from insults and spitting. The Lord God will help me; therefore, I haven't been insulted. Therefore, I set my face like flint, and knew I wouldn't be ashamed. The one who will declare me innocent is near. Who will argue with me? Let's stand up together. Who will bring judgment against me? Let him approach me. Look! The Lord God will help me. Who will condemn me?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 31:9-16

*The Cantor will sing the psalm
and the Congregation will sing the Refrain:*

O Lord, you are my God, I trust in you.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress.
Tears have wasted my eyes, my throat, and my heart.

For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighs.
Affliction has broken down my strength and my bones waste away.
(Refrain)

In the face of all my foes I am a reproach,
An object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.

Those who see me in the street run far away from me.
I am like the dead, forgotten by all, like a thing thrown away.
(Refrain)

I have heard the slander of the crowd, fear is all around me,
As they plot together against me, as they plan to take my life.

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: You are my God.
My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those
who hate me.

Let your face shine upon your servant.
Save me in your love. (Refrain)

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN 171: "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away,
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14- 27:66

Priest: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I turn Jesus over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on he was looking for an opportunity to turn him in. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?" He replied, "Go into the city, to a certain man, and say, 'The teacher says, "My time is near. I'm going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" The disciples did just as Jesus instructed them. They prepared the Passover. That

evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating he said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me." Deeply saddened, each one said to him, "I'm not the one, am I, Lord?" He replied, "The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born." Now Judas, who would betray him, replied, "It's not me, is it, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You said it." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom." Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Tonight you will all fall away because of me. This is because it is written, I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will go off in all directions. But after I'm raised up, I'll go before you to Galilee."

Peter replied, "If everyone else stumbles because of you, I'll never stumble." Jesus said to him, "I assure you that, before the rooster crows tonight, you will deny me three times." Peter said, "Even if I must die alongside you, I won't deny you." All the disciples said the same thing. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray over there." When he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. Then he said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert with me." Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want." He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay alert one hour with me? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak." A second time he went away and prayed, "My Father, if it's

not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want.” Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. Then he came to his disciples and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up. Let’s go. Look, here comes my betrayer.”

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came. With him was a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. His betrayer had given them a sign: “Arrest the man I kiss.” Just then he came to Jesus and said, “Hello, Rabbi.” Then he kissed him. But Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him. One of those with Jesus reached for his sword. Striking the high priest’s slave, he cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put the sword back into its place. All those who use the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I’m not able to ask my Father and he will send to me more than twelve battle groups of angels right away? But if I did that, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this must happen?” Then Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like a thief? Day after day, I sat in the temple teaching, but you didn’t arrest me. But all this has happened so that what the prophets said in the scriptures might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left Jesus and ran away.

Those who arrested Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest. The legal experts and the elders had gathered there. Peter followed him from a distance until he came to the high priest’s courtyard. He entered that area and sat outside with the officers to see how it would turn out. The chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. They didn’t find anything they could use from the many false witnesses who were willing to come forward. But finally they found two who said, “This man said, ‘I can destroy God’s temple and rebuild it in three days.’” Then the high priest stood and

said to Jesus, "Aren't you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?" But Jesus was silent. The high priest said, "By the living God, I demand that you tell us whether you are the Christ, God's Son." "You said it," Jesus replied. "But I say to you that from now on you'll see the Human One sitting on the right side of the Almighty and coming on the heavenly clouds." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He's insulting God! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, you've heard his insult against God. What do you think?" And they answered, "He deserves to die!" Then they spit in his face and beat him. They hit him and said, "Prophecy for us, Christ! Who hit you?"

Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant woman came and said to him, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of all of them, saying, "I don't know what you are talking about." When he went over to the gate, another woman saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." With a solemn pledge, he denied it again, saying, "I don't know the man." A short time later those standing there came and said to Peter, "You must be one of them. The way you talk gives you away." Then he cursed and swore, "I don't know the man!" At that very moment the rooster crowed. Peter remembered Jesus' words, "Before the rooster crows you will deny me three times." And Peter went out and cried uncontrollably.

Early in the morning all the chief priests and the elders of the people reached the decision to have Jesus put to death. They bound him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, who betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned to die, he felt deep regret. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, and said, "I did wrong because I betrayed an innocent man." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem." Judas threw the silver pieces into the temple and left. Then he went and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said, "According to the Law it's not right to

put this money in the treasury. Since it was used to pay for someone's life, it's unclean." So they decided to use it to buy the potter's field where strangers could be buried. That's why that field is called "Field of Blood" to this very day. This fulfilled the words of Jeremiah the prophet: And I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price for the one whose price had been set by some of the Israelites, and I gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me. Jesus was brought before the governor. The governor said, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "That's what you say." But he didn't answer when the chief priests and elders accused him. Then Pilate said, "Don't you hear the testimony they bring against you?" But he didn't answer, not even a single word. So the governor was greatly amazed.

It was customary during the festival for the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner, whomever they might choose. At that time there was a well-known prisoner named Jesus Barabbas. When the crowd had come together, Pilate asked them, "Whom would you like me to release to you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" He knew that the leaders of the people had handed him over because of jealousy. While he was serving as judge, his wife sent this message to him, "Leave that righteous man alone. I've suffered much today in a dream because of him." But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and kill Jesus. The governor said, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

"Barabbas," they replied.

Pilate said, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, **"Crucify him!"**

But he said, "Why? What wrong has he done?"

They shouted even louder, **"Crucify him!"**

Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and that a riot was starting. So he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I'm innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It's your problem." All the people replied, "Let his blood be on us and on our children." Then he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified. The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the governor's house, and they gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a red military coat on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand. Then they bowed down in front of him and mocked him, saying, "Hey! King of the Jews!" After they spit on him, they took the stick and struck his head again and again. When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the military coat and put his own clothes back on him. They led him away to crucify him.

As they were going out, they found Simon, a man from Cyrene. They forced him to carry his cross. When they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place, they gave Jesus wine mixed with vinegar to drink. But after tasting it, he didn't want to drink it. After they crucified him, they divided up his clothes among them by drawing lots. They sat there, guarding him. They placed above his head the charge against him. It read, "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." They crucified with him two outlaws, one on his right side and one on his left. Those who were walking by insulted Jesus, shaking their heads and saying, "So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you? Save yourself! If you are God's Son, come down from the cross." In the same way, the chief priests, along with the legal experts and the elders, were making fun of him, saying, "He saved others, but he can't save himself. He's the king of Israel, so let him come down from the cross now. Then we'll believe in him. He trusts in God, so let God deliver him now if he wants to. He said, 'I'm God's Son.'" The outlaws who were crucified with him insulted him in the same way.

From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. At about three Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani," which means, "My God, my God,

why have you left me?” After hearing him, some standing there said, “He’s calling Elijah.” One of them ran over, took a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink. But the rest of them said, “Let’s see if Elijah will come and save him.” Again Jesus cried out with a loud shout. Then he died.

Look, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised. After Jesus’ resurrection they came out of their graves and went into the holy city where they appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and what had just happened, they were filled with awe and said, “This was certainly God’s Son.”

Many women were watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to serve him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons. That evening a man named Joseph came. He was a rich man from Arimathea who had become a disciple of Jesus. He came to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. Pilate gave him permission to take it. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had carved out of the rock. After he rolled a large stone at the door of the tomb, he went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting in front of the tomb. The next day, which was the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate. They said, “Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive he said, ‘After three days I will arise.’ Therefore, order the grave to be sealed until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people, ‘He’s been raised from the dead.’ This last deception will be worse than the first.” Pilate replied, “You have soldiers for guard duty. Go and make it as secure as you know how.” Then they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone and posting the guard.

THE SERMON—The Reverend Minerva Camarena Skeith

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other leader says:

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of Peace. Let us pray, saying: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

That Christians may hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all leaders of all nations and of the Church may prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That when we see the cross starkly revealed in our lives, we may draw strength from the name above every name, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may be God’s loving heart in the world, reaching out in the midst of trouble, turning darkness into light, and hatred into love, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may remember that your mercy was given to the prisoner beside you, and that prisoners and all who care for them may know your loving compassion, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer in any way may find strength, peace, and healing through the knowledge of your redemptive love, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the lives of those who celebrate their birthdays and those who celebrate their wedding anniversary may glorify your holy name, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died, may they have entered your eternal glory, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Deacon reads the names on the prayer list. A brief period of silence will then be kept for the People to offer their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds the following Concluding Collect.

God, our Creator, you show your beloved disciples the way to freedom through gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

You are invited to "virtually" pass the peace.

OFFERTORY

"Es Ist Vollbracht" ("It Is Finished")
From the St. John Passion by J. S. Bach
Mary Speight, Bassoon

DOXOLOGY

HYMN #380 v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn S 124: SANCTUS

- Hurd

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life .

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. .

HYMN S 146: THE GREAT AMEN

-Robinson

AMEN *(sung and repeated)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Chris has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

HYMN S 161: AGNUS DEI

–Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All who are baptized Christians
are invited to receive Holy Communion.***

*You are invited to come to the communion rail to
receive the Eucharist or a blessing.*

*You may receive the wine either by intinction,
sipping, or not at all. Receiving the Eucharist in one
kind is full reception. You may receive standing or
kneeling. If you need a gluten free wafer, please tell the
minister. If you prefer a blessing, please stand in the line
with the priest and cross your arms over your chest.*

DURING COMMUNION
HYMN 172: “WERE YOU THERE?”

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

- 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The priest may bless the People.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN 168 Verses 1-3

- 1 O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!
- 2 Thy beauty, long-desirèd,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expirèd,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.
- 3 In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,
yet thank thee for thy death.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen at sheri@austinstjohns.org. If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at redsand2@gmail.com.

If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to contact Mother Minerva

512-593-1778 or revminerva@austinstjohns.org

or Deacon Victoria

512-297-5953 or deaconvic@austinstjohns.org

HEALING AND GUIDANCE: Ann, Illiana, Sandra, Diana, Adam, Dillon's family, Chuck and Janice, Marc, Adriana, Karla, Donna, Bennette, Doug and Ann, Kathy, Ann, Luna, Jonathan, Sandra, China and David, Josie, Ramona, CJ

THANKSGIVING: Armany, MariaAngie and Alfonso

DECEASED: Gene, Amir, Maurice, Kylie

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERING THE CROSS — We will be flowering the cross during the Easter morning services. If you would like to donate flowers, please bring them on Saturday, April 8th to give to the altar guild between 10am and noon. You may also bring them to the Easter Vigil and put them in the Sacristy in water. Or you may come a little early on Easter Sunday and bring them then.

EASTER EGG HUNT — We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 1 PM service — approximately 2:15 PM.

EASTER COOKIES — As is the custom at St. John's, we will be having a grand assortment of cookies on Easter Day. Please bring cookies to share.

EASTER DAY HATS! - Years ago, it was a tradition in the church to wear a hat on Easter. To celebrate Easter this year, we would like to continue that tradition of wearing a festive hat on Easter. Any hat will do. So, join in the fun this Easter and wear a hat!

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — will resume on Sunday, April 16 at 9:45 AM in the Nave.

CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE— will resume on Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – will resume on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 PM

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — will resume on Thursday, April 14 at 10:00 AM

FARMSHARE AUSTIN'S FRESH FOR LESS MOBILE MARKET — today from 11am-1pm! Come shop for fresh, delicious, and affordable fruits and vegetables, local eggs and honey, and a variety of pantry staples! The market accepts cash, credit, debit, SNAP, and Double Up Food Bucks.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS — You may sign up to dedicate flowers for the altar either on the flower chart in the narthex or online via our website. <http://www.austinstjohns.org/flowers.html>.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Sunday, April 2

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 AM	Farmshare Austin farmers' market
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito II

Palm Sunday

Monday, April 3

6:30 PM	Yoga in the Narthex
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Wednesday, April 5

8:00 AM	Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
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Thursday, April 6

12:00 Noon	Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
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Maundy Thursday

The Garden of Remembrance will be available
30 minutes before and after the service

7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
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Friday, April 7

The Garden of Remembrance will be available
30 minutes before and after each service

12:00 Noon	Good Friday Service in English
5:00 PM	The Way of the Cross in English
7:00 PM	Via Crucis en Español

Good Friday

Saturday, April 8

11:00 AM	Holy Saturday Service
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9

9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito II
2:15 PM	Easter Egg hunt

Easter Day

Online worship services are conducted using the Zoom online meeting system and are recorded for replay on Facebook, on our web site, and on our YouTube channel.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:45 AM	Adult Christian Formation—Church
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

THE PARISH OFFICE HAS MOVED to the Church Narthex.

Hours: Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 am – 12 Noon



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